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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
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**SUBJECT: Police Department and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Crime Prevention Program List and Source of Funds**

## **BACKGROUND**

At the City Council budget study sessions for the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget, the Mayor requested a list of crime prevention programs administered by the Police Department and the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department and the funding sources for these programs

## **ANALYSIS**

The Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit provides crime prevention education, programs, and services to the San José community and its visitors. Staff acts as liaisons between the San José Police Department and the community, providing information and referral services pertaining to crime prevention and other law enforcement related questions.

The Crime Prevention Unit provides four core programs as part of its community outreach service; Neighborhood Watch, Challenges and Choices, Safe Alternatives Violence Education (SAVE), and Community Outreach. Neighborhood Watch is a program designed to organize neighbors and provide information on how to target-harden their homes, vehicles, and families, while promoting police community partnerships. Challenges and Choices is a violence awareness and life-skills program for elementary and middle school students. SAVE is a non-punitive violence prevention awareness curriculum directed towards low-level weapons offences that occur on school campuses. The final core program, Community Outreach, deals with community information/outreach covering such topics as; business safety, child safety, Internet safety, identity theft, personal safety, senior security, home security, work place safety, gang awareness/prevention education, and other crime prevention topics, as requested. In addition to public presentations, the outreach component includes the Child Passenger Safety Seat program, National Night Out, Crime Stoppers, and attendance at safety fairs and other community events.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services provides three programs

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through the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force: Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI), Clean Slate, and the Striving Towards Achievement with New Direction (STAND). In addition, the Bringing Everyone's Strength Together (BEST) program, the funding arm of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF), contracts with 23 community-based organizations to provide gang intervention and prevention programs throughout the City of San José. These intervention programs support the efforts of the MGPTF and the goal of keeping San José youth out of gangs, connected to their families, school and Community, and on the path to a productive future.

Attached are listings of the Crime Prevention Programs offered by the Police Department (Attachment A) and the PRNS(Attachment B).

Crime Prevention programs offered through the Police Department are mostly funded through the General Fund. There are limited Gift Trust Funds available for specific purposes in the following areas: Cyber Cadets, School Safety, Scholastic Crime Stoppers, SAVE, Police/School Partnerships, Police Educational Robot, Crime Prevention, Community Services, Child Safety Seats, Drug Education, and Anti-theft.

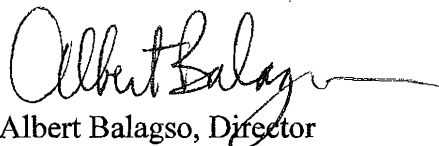
For programs offered through PRNS, STAND and the Clean Slate programs are currently funded through the General Fund, while the Safe School Campus Initiative program is funded through both the General Fund and San José BEST. Funding for all community-based organizations is through San José BEST. Included in the 2008-2009 Proposed Operating Budget is a recommendation to shift the Clean Slate Program from the General Fund to San José BEST.

### **COORDINATION**

This MBA has been coordinated with the Police Department, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department.



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# **Police Crime Prevention Program List**

## **Neighborhood Watch**

Neighborhood Watch is a program designed to organize neighbors and give them information on how to target harden their homes, vehicles and families. Crime Prevention Specialists work with individual residents, neighborhood associations, and property management companies to coordinate meetings throughout San José. Meetings are held in neighborhoods and may also include neighborhood parks, businesses, schools, and places of worship.

The Neighborhood Watch model allows neighbors an opportunity to meet one another and discuss issues impacting their neighborhood. Crime Prevention Specialists act as Police/Community Liaisons, answer questions pertaining to neighborhood climate, Police Department procedures, and various crime prevention topics, such as, statistics, including CrimeReports.com and other available public cadmine data; 9-1-1, 3-1-1, anonymous tips lines, and business lines; suspicious activity; vehicle crimes and residential burglary; vacation security and personal safety; and other neighborhood issues.

Crime Prevention staff will notify Patrol so appropriate patrol staff are available for the neighborhood meetings. The City Council is also notified so they may attend meetings in their districts.

All Neighborhood Watch participants receive printed materials covering the above topics for further study as well as Neighborhood Watch window placards to show participation. Qualifying neighborhoods (70% participation) will also have the option of having metal Neighborhood Watch signs placed strategically on their block's light standards designating it as a Neighborhood Watch Neighborhood. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08 the Crime Prevention Unit has made 105 Neighborhood Watch presentations to 2,835 people.

## **Challenges and Choices**

Challenges and Choices (C2) is a violence/gang awareness and life skills curriculum for elementary and middle school students. The C2 program teaches violence prevention/life-skills to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. The eleven-week curriculum teaches students valuable lessons on topics such as drug and gang awareness. This program requires students and their parents to work together on personalized (homework) assignments.

The San José Police Department created C2 to educate and promote responsible attitudes and behaviors. The C2 program serves to reduce youth violence through education and application of life skills. The program objective is to teach skills to students while aiding parents and schools in combating violence in our young people's lives.

Challenges and Choices (C2) was expanded and improved in 1995, from a gang awareness program, (Gang Education Alternative Resources GEAR.) When the Challenges and Choices

Program was created, the Crime Prevention Specialists studied several programs and researched the essential elements needed for a successful life skills program. The University of Michigan Institute for Social Research evaluated 47 programs and graded six programs with an "A" rating. The winning programs all employed role-playing and interactive teaching techniques and parent involvement in the student's homework.

This program is taught by four Crime Prevention Specialists and supervised by an officer and sergeant. For the past 12 months, 3,292 students have received the C2 curriculum.

### **S.A.V.E**

SAVE stands for Safe Alternatives and Violence Education. The SAVE program, established in 1993, is an award-winning violence prevention, education and awareness program. SAVE is designed for first-time offender and is not appropriate for students with significant previous contact with the juvenile system or youth with known gang affiliation

In collaboration with the Juvenile Probation Department, Juvenile Court, School Districts and police, it provides classes to troubled youths and their parents. SAVE is available to Santa Clara County youth between the ages of 10-18 who make a verbal, written or email threat, and/or possesses any weapon (including undefined "injurious objects") on or near a school campus. The SAVE program is facilitated by police officers and crime prevention specialists. The program is coordinated by a Crime Prevention Specialist.

The SAVE program is a six-hour class that discusses the issues of weapons and violence. The purpose of the program is to provide a "consequence" as well as an educational opportunity for young people engaged in threats or weapon. The program identifies personal anger styles and covers choice making, refusal skills, self-esteem, goal setting, and parenting skills. Some classes are offered entirely in Spanish or Vietnamese translators may be available. Attendance by a parent or guardian is mandatory.

Youth are referred to the SAVE program either through the school, the Probation Department, or the local law enforcement agency. Public and private schools throughout Santa Clara County can use this program at no charge, whether or not a criminal violation (citation or arrest) is involved. School officials are invited to make participation in a SAVE class part of an administrative consequence imposed following the incident. Attendance may be required by the school as a condition of suspension or expulsion, a prerequisite to transferring to a new school or a stand-alone consequence when no other discipline is available.

The Juvenile Court with the Probation Department mandates youth and their parents to attend SAVE in order to complete the requirements of their probation. In a meeting on May 19, 1995, between probation, the D.A.'s office and SJPd, it was agreed that Probation would refer the juvenile to the SAVE program while the petition review is pending, thus shortening the delay between the violation and class attendance. When a student is detained on or near a campus in a weapon involved situation and a citation is not justified, an "information only" report should be generated. If the juvenile and parent would likely benefit from the SAVE class, either in conjunction with another diversion program or standing alone, the local agency may directly sign

the family up for a class. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08, the SAVE program has been taught to 139 students plus their parents.

### **Truancy Abatement Burglary Suppression (TABS)**

The TABS program started in Fiscal Year 1981-1982 to address the increasing rates of daytime burglaries. Originally a burglary suppression program, TABS has expanded into a comprehensive service model. Other factors related to truancy, such as drug use and family discord, are addressed through counseling and referrals. There are two TABS centers, one located in Willow Glen and the other in East San José. The East San José TABS center has a new location at the Police Athletic League (PAL) stadium. When truant students are located, they are transported to their school or a TABS center for assessment and appropriate referral. The Police Department works collaboratively with Juvenile Probation Department, California Youth Outreach, Catholic Charities, Social Advocates for Youth, and the Cross-cultural Community Services Center, which are a part of the Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) overseen by the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services. Both the East Side Union High School and San José Unified School Districts also participate in this program. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08, 1,160 students have contacted by police as truants.

### **Police Activities League (PAL)**

The San José Police Activities League (PAL) was founded in 1967 with a specific and primary mission of promoting a constructive relationship between San José Police Officers, young people, and citizens of the community. PAL programs are designed to develop activities that act as deterrents to delinquent behavior among young people, and to keep them occupied with constructive, organized activity. PAL offers amateur athletic and non-athletic programs to youth for constructive and satisfying use of leisure time and to provide an opportunity for youth and law enforcement personnel to develop a mutually satisfying non-adversarial relationship. San José PAL reaches 10,000 youth each year through its programs. Activities include: baseball; football; soccer; tae kwon do; cheerleading; Jr. Giants; Senior Giants; boxing; girls softball; and Law Enforcement Unit / Cadets.

In February, the San José Earthquakes played the Houston Dynamo at PAL Stadium as a charity fundraiser to help support PAL. The event drew 3,000 soccer fans to PAL stadium. The event was extremely successful for both PAL and for the San José Earthquakes. Earlier this year, San José PAL hosted its inaugural Coaches banquet at the San José Double Tree Hotel. The event drew 500 people in which all coaches were honored for their volunteer work. San José PAL is currently preparing for the August 2008 Pony Baseball Palomino World Series, which will host teams from four major regions: The United States, Mexico, the Far East, and the Caribbean. Elite teams will earn the right to represent their country and demonstrate their skills. San José PAL will be participating as the host team.

### **Volunteer Opportunities and Leadership Training (VOLT)**

VOLT was introduced in 1996 as a community-based volunteer program. Volunteers attend the VOLT Academy, where they learn Department policies and procedures. Training also includes a

visit to the shooting range, driving course, and other law-enforcement settings. Volunteers are given opportunities to work certain assignments that free up officers and administrative personnel.

There are currently thirty VOLT members and ten interns. Volunteers agree to a three year assignment, with a minimum of twelve hours donated each month. Current assignments for VOLT members assist in the following units and programs: Photo lab; CPC Centers; child finger printing; Recruiting; Personnel; PAB tours; radar trailer; oral boards; Fraud/Burglary; GIU; Court Liaison; Historical Museum; academy role playing; and the Video Unit. Additionally, interns are assigned to the TABS centers on the West and East side. These assignments are for 90 hour duration and meet college requirements for Internship. They assist officers in data entry, processing, and notification duties. The VOLT program also facilitates and organizes the department's Ride-A-Long program.

### **School Safety/Safe School Campus Initiative**

The School Safety Program works to develop partnerships between schools and police. The Program provides a variety of services and presentations to schools, youth, and parents. School Safety staff work in collaborative efforts with JPD, PRNS, various community-based organizations, and the District Attorney's Office.

The Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI) was implemented in 1997 in the East Side Union High School District (ESUHSD). A core team established a response protocol to prevent violence/criminal gang activity in all ESUHSD schools. Two years later, the SSCI expanded to all of San José's high school districts. This program serves students, teachers, school administrators, and parents by creating partnerships between schools, law enforcement, probation officers, and recreation specialists who provide crime prevention assistance to schools.

### **Child Passenger Safety Car Seats**

This program offers child restraint/installation education by providing parents and caregivers with instruction and demonstrations on the correct installation of child restraint systems. On average, over 100 calls are received each week from parents and caregivers with questions regarding proper installation of restraint systems. In 2007, a total of 386 child/safety seat installations and inspections were provided to San Jose residents. Each one-hour session included a demonstration, installation, and/or inspection of child safety seats. During this process, if the person(s) met certain criteria and a need was identified, a free car seat and associated equipment was provided. This program, supported by the Silicon Valley Auto Dealership Association, through a private grant, provided 60 families with new child restraint safety seats and equipment in 2007.

This program is in high-demand by the public and supports the Department's commitment to vehicle occupant safety. The Department recently received a \$5000 donation from Babies-R-US. Funds are being used to replace emergency use child passenger car seats in the Police Department Area Resource Centers (ARC) and at Fire Stations.

The three Crime Prevention Specialists initially received forty hours of training to become Certified Technicians. One of the three Crime Prevention Specialists is a Certified

Instructor and is one of only seven Certified Instructors nationwide certified as a Bi-Lingual Spanish Instructor/Technician. Each week, the three technicians average nine installations/inspections of child passenger safety seats or approximately 400 installations/inspections annually. Each installation/inspection takes about an hour. The installation includes how to correctly install the individual car seat for the individual child. The age, condition and recall status (if applicable) of the seat is reviewed with the parent, a review of the car and car seat safety manuals, the proper position of the car seat and safety belt, and crash safety dynamics. The parent is also given training on future expectations as the child grows. In addition to the installations/inspections, the Crime Prevention Specialists also provide safety tips and information at community events, safety fairs and crime prevention presentations.

### **Crime Stoppers**

San José/Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that joins residents, Police, and local news media in the fight against crime by providing cash rewards for anonymous tips. Anonymous Tips are called into the tip line where information is taken and routed to the appropriate investigative agency. Following the arrest and conviction of subjects reported in tips, callers are eligible for rewards of up to \$1,000. Campus Crime Stoppers is part of this program and originated in the East Side Union School District in collaboration with the SJPd and various outside sponsors, who donated money to promote safer schools and provide an anonymous "tip line" for students and school officials to call to report criminal activity. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08, Crime Stoppers has received 931 tips. As a result of the tips, 54 cases were solved and 52 people were arrested.

### **National Night Out**

National Night Out is a nationwide program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. Each year on the first Tuesday in August, neighbors across the country are invited to turn on their porch light and spend an evening getting to know one another while building police/community partnerships. Annually, over 34 million neighbors participate nationwide.

National Night Out is designed to:

- ☐ Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- ☐ Generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts
- ☐ Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnership
- ☐ Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

The Crime Prevention Unit works with neighborhood groups and city agencies to coordinate events throughout San Jose. Event rosters are compiled by the Crime Prevention Unit and distributed to BFO, PRNS and City Council. The Community Services Division deploys teams of Officers and Crime Prevention Specialist to the events to meet with neighbors, answer questions, and thank groups for their support and dedication to crime prevention efforts throughout the year.

## **Community Outreach**

Community Outreach provides information and outreach to the community in a variety of presentations and programs dealing with various issues. These programs include:

### **Vietnamese Liaison**

The Vietnamese Liaison educates and encourages Vietnamese residents to work closely with the Department in reporting crime. This is a sworn officer position assigned as the contact with the Vietnamese community to provide training presentations, educational booths at festivals and events, understanding of police services, and dissemination of safety tips.

### **At-Risk Youth Intervention**

This program is geared toward youth heading down the wrong path in life. Crime Prevention Unit members will meet with the youth and their family to intervene in at risk behavior issues. Referrals are made either directly from family members calling Community Services and asking for help or indirectly as a referral from a school administrator, school counselor, or community member. In many cases, this intervention is the last positive contact before the youth faces arrest or negative contacts with police.

### **Business Watch**

Business Watch is designed to bring business owners, community members, and the members of the Police Department together to deter crime in and around a business complex. The Crime Prevention Specialist assigned to the Division in which the business operates will coordinate with property management and neighboring business owners/managers to conduct the initial Business Watch meeting. Modeled after the Neighborhood Watch program, neighboring businesses meet and discuss working together and partnering with SJPd, suspicious activity, reporting emergency and non-emergency activity, trespassing, and crime prevention (i.e.: shoplifting, robbery, vandalism, etc.). Crime Prevention Specialists will also include issues pertaining to the businesses specific location, business type, or current crime trend. Specialists will also make contact with the Patrol staff in the area so they may attend meetings to meet participants and answer beat related questions. Participants are given printed materials, including STOP applications, information for further study, and Business Watch window stickers to show participation. A shorter Business Watch Overview presentation is also available to groups upon request.

### **Parent Workshops**

This program covers internet safety, gangs, drug awareness, and promoting self-esteem in children. Crime Prevention Specialists offer workshops to Parent-Teacher Associations, Teachers, Community-based Organizations and the community at large. If group size



permits, participants are encouraged to share problems, concerns, and discuss possible solutions. Crime Prevention Specialists also offer the presentation in Spanish.

Presentations on “Building Your Child’s Self-Esteem” give parent’s ways to improve their child’s self-esteem by explaining what self-esteem is and how self-esteem affects their child’s attitude and behavior. It provides parents tips on the do’s and don’t on how to influence their child’s self-esteem and to use positive communication.

“Violence in the Media-Internet Safety” focuses on internet safety, media, and its effects on society, especially youth. The presentation provides an opportunity for parents to learn the affects of media and how to stay safe on the internet. It provides an opportunity for parents to discuss their family’s viewing habits, and plan alternative activities.

### **Child Safety**

Child Safety Presentations are taught by Crime Prevention Specialists and can be geared toward adults and various ages of children. Both presentations focus on the hazards children face while at home, school, and play. Presentations for adults includes, but is not limited to, safety at home/school/play, strangers, child abduction, internet safety, child care, molest/abuse, child passenger safety seats, pedestrian safety, gangs, drugs, and child protection skills.

Presentations for children are age specific in both content and length of discussion. Topics include, but are not limited to, safety at home/school/play, internet, pedestrian safety, bicycle/skateboard/rollerblades, strangers, Police Officers and community helpers, and 9-1-1. Presentations on a specific topics or crime trends are available upon request.

### **Drug Awareness**

Drug awareness presentations give parents information on drug definitions, as well as possible symptoms, paraphernalia, and consequences. If group size permits, participants are encouraged to share problems, concerns, and discuss possible solutions. Discussions also include recent news events. Officers and Crime Prevention Specialist can offer these presentations in Spanish and in Vietnamese. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08, the Crime Prevention Unit made 20 Drug Awareness presentations to 532 people.

### **Gang Awareness**

Gang awareness presentations give parents information on the California Penal Code Gang definition, as well as a general description of gangs in San José. Presentations also provide parents/teachers tips on how to keep youth away from gangs and discuss consequences. If group size permits, participants are encouraged to share problems, concerns, and discuss possible solutions. Officers and Crime Prevention Specialists also offer theses presentation in Spanish and in Vietnamese. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08, the Crime Prevention Unit made 22 Gang Awareness presentations to 1,031 people.

### **Fraud and Identity Theft Prevention**

Fraud prevention presentations, which include information on the most common scams and how the public can avoid becoming a victim.

### **Junior Crime Busters**

School presentations are provided by Patrol Officers for preschool through third grade. Students become familiar with the officer's uniform, equipment, and duties. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08, the Crime Prevention Unit has made 38 Junior Crime Buster presentations to 996 children.

### **Mock 211/Robbery Prevention**

This program includes a lecture, video and mock robbery to familiarize employees with appropriate security procedure before, during and after an event.

### **Personal Safety**

Personal Safety presentations are designed to educate the public on safety in the home, public places, the workplace, in vehicles, and on public transportation.

### **Senior Security**

Senior Security presentations are geared toward the elderly. The program focuses on home security, robbery prevention, fraud prevention, and identity theft.

### **Workplace Safety**

The Workplace Safety Presentation is designed to give business employees personal and workplace safety tips. Topics include, but are not limited to, safety when first opening a business, access points, personal property, dealing with difficult people, and working late.

### **Internet Safety**

The Internet Safety presentation has components for both adults and children. The adult component covers safeguarding your children and tools to enhance a child's safety on the internet. The child component teaches kids to "surf safe" as well as danger signs that require parental involvement.

### **Cybercop**

The Cybercop program is a public email contact program designed to give citizens email contact to the department regarding questions and concerns with referrals made to

appropriate police units or public agencies. For the first three quarters of FY 07-08 Cybercop received 1,843 emails.

### **Driver Education/DUI Awareness**

Presentations are made to high-school-age youth regarding safe driving skills and practices. The presentations also include DUI awareness and consequences of driving while under the influence. The Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) staff also conducts DUI presentations at area high schools, which address the dangers, impacts, and harsh consequences of driving under the influence. This one-hour program has received very positive feedback from students, faculty and parents. Presentations begin with students viewing an actual crashed vehicle – a very sobering and visual impact. After viewing the crashed vehicle and reading the traffic collision report, which vividly describes the collision and resulting fatalities and injuries, the students attend a TEU presentation. Students are also allowed the opportunity to perform field sobriety tests on other students. The event closes with a question and answer period. During just the first six months of 2007, this program was brought to 17 high schools, impacting over 29,100 students

The “Every 15 Minutes” program, a multi-agency effort, is sponsored by the County of Santa Clara, which presents a two-day stage production or play that targets high-school youth. The “drama” provides a graphic visual reenactment of a DUI crash and the events that follow. TEU officers provide one presentation per year to an identified high-risk high school. A mock fatal DUI crash is staged on the school’s football field, with a mock arrest of the DUI driver. Injured parties are removed from the crashed vehicle and transported away by ambulance. The two-day presentation follows the various stages that result from a DUI fatality collision, including death notifications to the parents of the involved victims. The presentation closes with a reenactment of the arrest, prosecution, and sentencing of the DUI student-driver, and dramatically culminates with a funeral for the deceased students. In 2007, over 3300 students at two area high schools attended.

## **Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Crime Prevention Program List**

**Youth Centers** - Fifteen Youth Centers throughout the City of San Jose attract approximately 5000 youth annually offering a variety of quality recreational, educational and cultural programs. These programs and activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, special events, dances, low cost field trips, and workshops for youth ages 11-17. These safe environments enhance the quality of their life and help support their experiences with family, school, employment and the community. Additionally, programs and activities also assist youth in reducing delinquent behavior, prevent potential gang involvement and foster academic achievement. Two examples of these are the Washington United Youth Center and the Mexican American Services Youth Center programs that are collaborations between the City and a community based organization operator (Catholic Charities and Mexican American Community Services Agency respectively). These centers serve approximately 1000 youth per year. These programs provide safe evening opportunities for youth focused around health, fitness, teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, cultural awareness, and family support services. These programs are funded through the General Fund.

**Clean Slate Program** removes tattoos from ex-gang involved and at-risk youth who have found tattoos to be a barrier in furthering themselves through education and/or employment. Removal of these tattoos provides youth with the opportunity of growth in areas such as educational goals and career choices. The area focused on removing these tattoos applies only to visible areas: hands, wrists, forearms, neck and face. The Clean Slate Program assists youth in accessing educational opportunities, developing job and life skills, and accessing available community resources. Services provided include Needs assessment, case management, bi-weekly workshops, six-month follow-up, and support upon completion and referral services. After each six-month session, participants celebrate their successful completion of the program with a pizza party as part of their graduation ceremonies. So far in FY 2007-08, this program has served 69 unduplicated participants in the life skills program, 404 unduplicated participants in clinic appointments, and has had 704 total laser removal clinic appointments.

**Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI)** represents partnerships between school districts, the Police Department, County Probation, Non-Profit Community Based Organizations and City Intervention Teams. This multidisciplinary team (MDT) works collaboratively to create safer school campuses by ensuring that violence-related issues are addressed in a proactive and timely manner. SSCI also provides mediation to volatile situations and outreach to youth that are gang involved.

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, in coordination with the San Jose Police Department, established the Safe School Campus Initiative (SSCI) community safety protocol to assist school administrators in proactively dealing with youth and gang violence on school campuses and its overspill into surrounding neighborhoods. The community safety protocol is a collaborative effort of the local municipality, law enforcement, schools, churches, and community-based organizations.

The community safety protocol categorizes crisis responses by threat probability as follows:

- ✓ Level 1: An emergency is in progress that requires immediate police response. There is a clear safety concern and interference with school operations. San José Police are the first responders and assume incident command.
- ✓ Level 2: A potential exists for an incident to occur that will cause interference with school operations. Both San José Police and SSCI Teams respond.
- ✓ Level 3: Although rumors of future threats exist, there is not an immediate safety concern or interference with school operations. The SSCI Teams are the primary responders.

Safe School Campus Initiative Intervention Teams also provide follow-up home-visit referral services for families and youth, mediation between rival gangs both on and off school campuses, and gang assessment resources to enable gang-involved youth to disassociate from the gang lifestyle. The SSCI program serves 72 schools in 18 school districts throughout San José. School administrators embraced the community safety protocol this past year, and this acceptance contributed to higher intervention team responses.

Five hundred sixty-one (561) Level 1, 2, and 3 critical incident responses were reported during the first three quarters of FY 2007-08. (By comparison, 592 incidents were reported for all of FY 2006-07.) This represents a 13.6% increase over last year's third quarter results, and an 89% increase over FY 2005-06. The trendline clearly shows increasing activity and utilization of the protocol over the previous three years.

The SSCI staff focuses its efforts on quickly resolving Level 2 and Level 3 incidents, and continues to meet its 30-minute response performance goal 100% of the time. Staff's success in resolving Level 2 incidents resulted in a decrease of approximately 2%, year-over-year, in Level 1 incidents.

The **Striving towards Achievement with New Direction (STAND)** program provides a structured environment for youth in need of services such as, building self-esteem, dealing with choices and consequences, cultural awareness, mentoring and other prevention/intervention services. This program has served approximately 248 youth so far in FY 2007-08. S.T.A.N.D. program assists youth in the following:

- Increasing skills to improve academic achievement
- Reduction of delinquent behavior
- Prevention of further gang involvement.

The S.T.A.N.D. program provides the following:

- Youth Development Groups (nine weeks) at the following schools:
- Yerba Buena High School
- Peter Burnett Academy
- Pala Middle school
- Parent Awareness Group (refreshments provided)

- One month follow up services
- Resources provided to youth and family (one on ones w/students)
- Field Trips (after completion of 9-week group, refreshments provided)
- Diversion Trips such as trips to Chowchilla Prison for the females and Folsom Prison for the males.
- Gang and Choices and Consequences presentations to School Staff, Students and Community
- Handball leagues and Tournaments.

After each nine-week session, a pizza party is held for youth who have successfully completed the program. Some accomplishments of the program have been:

- Graduated 170 students from Youth Development Group at San Jose Academy, San Jose Community High School, Yerba Buena High School, Pala Middle School and Camden Community Day School
- Provided 11 diversion activities for participants, which included prison trips and college visits
- Provided a six-week Family Wellness Parenting Group for 30 parents and students at Yerba High School (May-June, 2007)
- Hosted a Handball Tournament and Resource Fair, in collaboration with MACSA and California Youth Outreach, at Backesto Park
- Starting Intervention Group at Yerba Buena High School, in addition to regular Youth Development Group
- Hosted Third Annual Handball League at various youth centers – June through August
- Provided presentations to youth from various agencies (Victory Outreach, Gateway Program, California Youth Outreach)
- Girls and Gangs Conference, San Jose (Camden Community Center)

**San José Bringing Everyone's Strength Together (BEST) programs:**

San José B.E.S.T. (Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together) Program was established in 1991 as the funding arm of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force. The program funds public and non-profit agencies to implement programs for youth exhibiting high-risk behaviors and their families. In addition to funding the community-based organization listed below, funds are also allocated to provide late-night recreational programming through community centers to youth that are involved in a gang lifestyle. This year, six youth from a gang impacted neighborhood were recruited to participate in an innovative approach to redirect kids to be involved in positive activities, and develop life and employment skills. Two of these youth have entered into Lifeguard certification training with the remainder in a program where they will be taught swimming techniques and endurance building throughout the summer in order to participate in the next certification program. As of March 2008, BEST agencies have served approximately 3,129 youth of which 47% have been Gang Impacted, 28% High Risk and 24% At-Risk.

<b>Community-based Organizations</b>	<b>Services Delivered</b>
Alum Rock Counseling Center, Inc.	Services to Adjudicated Youth; Truancy Intervention
Asian American Recovery Services, Inc.	Outpatient Substance Abuse
Bill Wilson Center	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Parent/Family Support Services
California Youth Outreach*	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Gang Mediation/Intervention Response; Services to Adjudicated Youth Community Gang Awareness Trainings and Capacity Building and After-care services
California Community Partners for Youth	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Community Gang Awareness Trainings/Capacity Building
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Gang Mediation/Intervention Response; Truancy Intervention; Community Gang Awareness Trainings/Capacity Building
Center For Training and Careers*	Day Education, Youth Employment
Cross Cultural Community Services Center	Truancy Intervention
Eastfield Ming Quong, Inc.	Outpatient Substance Abuse; Community Gang Awareness Trainings/Capacity Building
Family and Children Services	Parent/Family Support Services
Filipino Youth Coalition	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Truancy Intervention; Parent/Family Support Services
Firehouse Community Development Corporation	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Gang Mediation/Intervention Response; Parent/Family Support Services

Community-based Organizations	Services Delivered
Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc.	Services to Adjudicated Youth; Community Gang Awareness Trainings/Capacity Building
Friends Outside in Santa Clara County	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Services to Adjudicated Youth; Community Gang Awareness Trainings and Capacity Building
George Mayne Elementary School	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Gang Mediation/Intervention Response; Parent/Family Support Services; Community Gang Awareness Trainings and Capacity Building
Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County	Services to Adjudicated Youth
Mexican American Community Services Agency, Inc.	Personal Development and Youth Groups Support; Gang Mediation/Intervention Response; Community Gang Awareness Trainings and Capacity Building
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence
Pathway Society, Inc.	Outpatient Substance Abuse
ROHI Alternative Community Outreach*	Personal Development/Youth Support Groups; Services to Adjudicated Youth
SCCOE/Foundry Community Day School	Personal Development and Youth Support Groups
Ujima Adult and Family Services, Inc.	Personal Development and Youth Support Groups
Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley	Truancy Intervention; Community Gang Awareness Training for Parents

\* These organizations receive additional funds through the General Fund to provide Aftercare services to youth released from the California Youth Authority and Youth Employment services.



**San Jose After-School Programs**, provide safe, affordable and accessible activities for school-age youth. The programs are led and supervised by well-trained staffs who serve as positive adult role models.

- Level I Programs provide homework assistance and tutorial programs at more than 200 locations in San Jose. The program goal is to have participants complete 80% of their homework assignments daily. These programs are funded through the Healthy Neighborhood Venture Fund.
- Level II Programs are offered at 28 schools, teen centers, community centers and park shelter buildings. These programs provide opportunities for participants to play sports and games, complete arts and crafts projects and work on homework assignments. These programs operate with General Fund dollars.
- Level III Programs provide comprehensive after school activities including homework assistance, sports and games, a healthy snack and enrichment workshops at 9 schools. These programs operate until 6:00 PM every day that school is in session and are funded by the California State Department of Education.
- Sports Leagues provide competitive and non-competitive leagues which offer opportunities for youth to learn a variety of sport skills increase their fitness levels and learn how to be a successful team member. These programs are funded through the General Fund.
- Summer Day Camps and Drop-in Recreation Programs provide an extended and enhanced level of summertime activities including trips, movies, swimming, hikes and a variety of theme-based projects and games. These programs are funded through the General Fund.
- Teen Centers offer both drop-in and structured activities including guest speakers, clubs, weight training, game rooms, dances, counseling, trips, sports activities, computer labs, homework assistance and more. These programs are funded through the General Fund.